## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Takao IKARIYA et al. :

Serial No. NEW : Attn: Application Branch

Filed September 14, 2000 : Attorney Docket No. 2000-1229

METHOD FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY :

**ACTIVE COMPOUNDS** 

(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional Application

of Serial No. 09/077,787, Filed September 29, 1998)

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Kindly amend the application as follows:

## In the Specification:

Page 1, below the Title, insert the following - This Application is a Divisional

Application of Serial No. 09/077,787, filed September 29, 1998, now pending. --;

line 3, change "Fechnical Field" to -- Background of the Invention

\\ Field of the Invention --;

line 5, change "alcohol" to -- alcohols --;

line 6, change "amine" to -- amines --;

line 10, change "agents" to -- chemicals --;

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